



United States Department of Agriculture

SUBJECT: Technical Guide Notice 190

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TO: All Holders of the PA Technical Guide

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Purpose: To provide the revised "NRCS Cropland Cover Crop Termination Guidelines – Version 2, December 2013" document to all offices and modify the current Conservation Practice Standard (CPS) Code 340, Cover Crop, to include reference to Version 2.

Background: See NB 450-14-2 TCH - Revised Cover Crop Termination Guidelines.

Explanation: The revised "NRCS Cropland Cover Crop Termination Guidelines – Version 2, December 2013" was specifically revised and added the following:

- The grazing and forage harvesting guidelines for cover crops — grazing and forage harvest is permitted, except when used with summer fallow.
- The definition of a cover crop — a cover crop is no longer defined as a crop for RMA purposes.
- Specific cover crop termination guidelines for cover crops used in conjunction with the RMA summer fallow practice.
- The "Frequently Asked Questions" section will not be a part of the guidelines and will be posted on the Web as a separate document.

For further explanation, contact Mark Goodson, State Agronomist.

Access Instructions

The entire Pennsylvania Field Office Technical Guide can be accessed at the following website:
<http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/>

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